

Sheltered Workshops

The new fee for service system works for people in sheltered settings similarly to people in other group day programs. People will be authorized for service at a per diem rate based on their Level of Need. (LON) The normal day must move to a minimum of six hours including lunch in the timeline specified in the contract. Providers will submit attendance monthly on DDS Web Res Day Attendance System as they currently are doing. This information will be used to determine the payment due the provider. The rates are lower than DSO and GSE based on historical cost differences and higher staff ratios in the congregate settings.

The following chart illustrates the rates for sheltered workshops:

Level of Need Ver 1.1.1	Step	Day Rate	Approximate Ratio Staff to Participant
1	5	41.80	1 to 7
2	6	50.16	1 to 6
3	7	58.52	1 to 5
4	8	66.88	1 to 4.5
5	10	83.60	1 to 3.6
6	11	91.96	1 to 3.3
7	12	100.32	1 to 3
8	13	108.68	1 to 2.7

Transportation to and from the program would ***be in addition*** to the program day rates above. It would be added to create an inclusive per diem as with other group day programs. See Transportation sheet on the DDS Web Page. All of the transition processes for DSO and GSE would apply to sheltered workshops. Differences in historical funding and the rates would be part of the overall agency transition factor. There would be a multi-year transition to payments based solely on the rates. See sheets on DDS Web Page for more information on the transition. The transition factor is designed to give providers a 5 year period to adjust to any change in the resource allocation it will receive by using the established rates. Only minimal if any change will occur in FY10.

An individual who leaves the workshop to go into another program type or changes to a different provider would have their payments adjusted to the rates at that time.

Because of the difference in rates Regional PRAT approval would be required for a person to move from Sheltered to GSE or DSO programs.